

ANNUAL REPORT BY SBF'S AFFILIATED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR FOURTH QUARTER OF YEAR 2023

Name of Institution: Manjusri Secondary School

1. STAFF MATTERS

Staff Movement

The school would like to express our appreciation to the following staff who have since left the school, for their dedicated service to Manjusri Sec.

Staff	Designation	Movement
Mdm Ong Lay Pheng	HOD MTL	Temasek Junior College
Ms Wang Jie Ying	HOD CCE	Prime Minister's Office – Strategy Group
Mr Yang Wenjun Stanley	HOD Science	Admin, Budget, Procurement & Change Mgt Branch / ITD
Mr Qamarul Arifin	SH Student Development	Guidance Branch / SDCD
Mdm Chew Sue Ning Shermaine	Teacher	University Policy Branch / HEPD
Mdm Chen Lingzhi	Teacher	Cedar Girls Secondary
Mr Lee Beng Huat	Teacher	Retirement from Service

The school welcomed the following staff to the Manjusri family:

Staff	Designation
Mr Ng Jia Jun Justin	HOD Science (Biology)
Ms Lim Mei Chen Joani	HOD Humanities (Geography)
Ms Tan Siew Boon Vivian	Teacher (Music / English Language)
Ms Siti Shahirah	Teacher (Food & Consumer Education)
Mr Huang Yuan Peng	Teacher (Mathematics)
Mr Ahmad Bin Mohamed Moktar	Science Lab Technician
Ms Sim Yi Wei Mabel	Teacher (Chemistry / Physics)
Ms Sunarti Mochtar	Teacher (Physics / Mathematics)
Ms Quek Kar Men	Teacher (Art)

Awards

Civil Service Long Service Award

The following officers received the Civil Service Long Service Award for 2023. The award is given in recognition of the officer's dedicated service in the civil service after he/she has completed a continuous period of 5 years of service or more.

Name	Years in Service
Li Linxin	5
Oh Ai Li	5
Shuai Dongxing	5
Lee Shi Hua Candice	10
Lim Xu Yao	10
Lui Yi Ling, Candice	10
Ng Jia Jun, Justin	10
Tee Pei Pei	10
Cheong Wai Heng Madeleine	15
Lee Zhong Shun	15
Nur Hakim Alim Bin Salim	15
Seow Xuemei Mellissa	15
Sng Peng Han	15
Sun Guangpu	15
Suzila Binte Mohamed Sulaiman	15
Tee Beng Lian	15
Ng Imei	20

2. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Manjusrians continue to excel in both academic and co-curricular domains through a rigorous and engaging curriculum and the committed efforts of her teachers and students.

Academic Domain

Instructional Programme

Department / Programme	Event	Achievements
Eco Stewardship Committee	Green Schools @ South East Awards 2023	Certificate of Merit
English Department	Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2023	Silver Award: Ivan Lam Cheng Xu (3E) Gold Award: Aceton Low Yan Jun (4F)
	National Public Speaking Competition 2023	<u>Certificate of Participation:</u> 1) Valerie Ng Si Ting (3F) 2) Lim Zhi En Evan (4D) 3) Royston Chen (4D) 4) Aalyah Maeva Tiara Ziminski (4F) <u>Grand Finalist – 13th Place:</u> Choo Zhuo Wen Jovan (3E)

Co-Curriculum

Groups	Event	Achievements
Chinese Calligraphy (CCA)	26 th World Calligraphy Itinerant Grand Exhibition	<u>Nomination Award:</u> 1) Tang Xin Ying (3G) 2) Neng Meng Xuan (3G) <u>Gold Medal:</u> Qi Ge (3D)
Buddhist Interact Club (CCA)	365 Viral Good Vibes 2023	<u>Certificate of Merit:</u> Mazel Ong (3D)

3. National Examinations

2023 GCE N-Level Examinations

MJR candidates supported by their family members returned to collect their N level results on 18 December 2023 at the Reflection Hall. 76.7% of our Sec 4 N(T) cohort obtained 3 or more subject passes. We are pleased to report that our Sec 4 N(A) students performed above projected targets with 80% obtaining 5 or more subject passes. 69.3% of whom met the eligibility criteria for progression to Sec 5. This will be the 9th consecutive time that the school's N(A) candidates have achieved an overall value-added performance.

2023 GCE O-Level Examinations

The school congratulates our students for registering their strongest performance at the GCE O level examinations of the past five years. Based on aggregate indicators, the school is pleased to have achieved value added results in the Sec 4 Express course for a third consecutive year.

Our Sec 4 Express candidates performed well with 90.8% achieving five or more subject passes. Overall, 96.7% of our graduates qualify for polytechnic courses and 72.8% are eligible for 'A' level studies (JC or Millennia Institute). At the same time, 73.1% of our Sec 5 candidates met the eligibility criteria for polytechnic education.

Our top performing student was Chow Gui Bao who obtained eight distinctions. She had already secured an additional subject distinction in Chinese Language when she sat for the paper earlier in Sec 3 (2022). Gui Bao was a former pupil of Maha Bodhi School.

Year	2021	2022	2023
Sec Four Express			
Five or more subject passes (%)	78.5	81.0	90.8
Mean PSLE T-score	201.9	204.2	207.3
Sec Five Normal Academic			
Three or more subject passes (%)	80.8	96.3	80.8
Mean PSLE T-score	170.2	170.3	170.4

4. Secondary One Posting Exercise

3.1 Secondary One Cohort 2024

For the year 2024, a total of 246 students were posted to Manjusri Sec. This is the third year of the implementation of the PSLE Achievement Levels (AL) scoring system. The school admitted students according to posting groups of G1, G2 and G3 instead of Normal (Technical), Normal (Academic) and Express. The AL range of the posted groups is reflected below.

Stream (2022/2023) /Posting Group (2024)	Non-Affiliation			Affiliation		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Express / G3	AL: 13 - 22	AL: 10 - 22	AL: 8 - 22	AL: 16 - 22	AL: 8 - 22	AL: 13 - 22
Normal (Acad) / G2	AL: 21 - 25	AL: 21 - 25	AL: 21 - 25	AL: 23 - 25	AL: 23 - 25	AL: 22 - 25
Normal (Tech) / G1	AL: 26 - 29*	AL: 26 - 29*	AL: 25 - 29*	AL: 26 - 28	AL: 27 - 28	AL: 26 - 28

*The last N(T) student posted to the school had a PSLE Score better than 30. However, as the school still had at least one vacancy N(T) after S1 posting, its cut-off point will be reflected by MOE as 30 because it could have admitted a S1-eligible student with PSLE score of 30.

Of the incoming cohort, 78.6% chose Manjusri as their 1st or 2 choice option, of whom 64.3% placed us as their 1st choice. Mean aggregate for the full cohort has improved over the previous two years (i.e. since AL scores began).

Manjusri Secondary notes that the number of Secondary 1 students admitted from our affiliated primary schools, Maha Bodhi School and Mee Toh School, has increased. They make up about 34% of the posted Secondary 1 cohort.

Affiliated School	2022	2023	2024
Maha Bodhi School	44 students (17.6%)	58 students (25.2%)	79 students (32.1%)
Mee Toh School	6 students (2.4%)	6 students (2.6%)	5 students (2.0%)

5. PROGRAMMES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Manjusri Sec continues to provide a wide range of programmes to ensure that her students develop 21st century competencies.

2024 Term 1 Highlights [Completed]

Secondary One Orientation (SOO) Programme (2-5 January 2024)

The 2024 SOO was organised and run by our Student Councillors, CCA and Class Leaders. During the SOO, the students were introduced to the history and culture of our school, as well as various support systems and programmes. Through activities such as Senior-Junior sharing and breakfast with their Form Teachers, the Secondary One students got to know their teachers and formed new friendships with their peers.

Meet the School Sessions (5 & 12 January 2024)

The school organised a Meet-The-School (MTS) session on 5 January for parents/guardians of Secondary One students, and on 12 January for parents/ guardians of Secondary Two to Five students to build a positive Home-School partnership. During the session, the school provided an overview of our key school programmes and shared useful information on areas such as Full Subject Based Banding and the school's Personalised Digital Learning Programme. The event also featured teacher-parent interactions to allow them to understand each other's expectations and discuss development plans for the respective students.

Hamper Project (26 January) & Chinese New Year Celebrations (9 February)

Manjusrians decorated their classrooms, and prepared hampers and cards which were delivered to Tembusu Senior Activity Centre as part of our Chinese New Year Celebrations. Seniors from Tembusu Senior Activity Centre were invited to join in the celebrations, where they were treated to performances by our Chinese Orchestra, Dance, Wushu and Choir.

The annual Chinese New Year (CNY) Hamper Project is our school's signature programme to provide learning opportunities to support students' development as socially responsible citizens. Members of the Manjusri family made voluntary donations of food and toiletry items which were packed into hampers and distributed by our Secondary Two students on 26 January, to the needy and elderly living in households registered with Tembusu Seniors' Activity Centre, our community partner.

MJR PSG Welcome Tea (3 February)

The Manjusri Parent Support Group (PSG) organised a Welcome Tea session on 3 February, where parents were given an overview of PSG activities, interacted with school leaders, and took part in parent-child bonding activities like a Chinese New Year craft-making and Show it Your Way quiz. The parents also partook in a Lo Hei session during the Welcome Tea as part of the Chinese New Year celebrations that was incorporated into the Welcome Tea session.

Total Defence Day (16 February)

Total Defence Day serves to remind our students of the important role everyone plays in the defence of Singapore. Our uniform group representatives in the morning started the day with a special procession followed by a Food Disruption Exercise. Students were given RTE (Ready-To-Eat) meals to encourage them to be adaptable and flexible in their food choices by being open to accommodate changes and consider alternative food options in the event of such food shortages and disruptions. Students also took part in a simple food security quiz from the "black market stall" manned by our Girl Guides and NPCC.

Student Council Exco Election (23 February) & Students' Leaders Investiture (8 March)

Students were introduced to the role of elections in selecting leaders in society via a CCE lesson package as part of the educative process. Thereafter, the MJR Student Council Executive Committee Elections saw potential candidates presenting their beliefs and ideas on ways to help the student body on 23 February. The format of the elections was modified from that of previous years to mirror the General Elections and allow students to elect their representatives. The new Student Council President is Allam Rithwik Reddy (3D) and the Student Council Vice Presidents are Gareth Yip Le Quan (3D) and Le Nguyen Ngoc Hana (3D). On 8 March, the Student Leaders Investiture also recognised and affirmed the contributions of Class Leaders, NE Ambassadors, Peer Support Leaders and CCA Leaders.

Channel News Asia (CNA) Feature on the Use of AI in Schools

Manjusri Secondary School was featured in a CNA news article (published on 12 February 2024) as one of the schools that utilise ChatGPT in language learning in the English Language classroom. Ms Erica Reyes, a Secondary Two EL teacher, guided her Secondary Two students on the use of ChatGPT to gather feedback to improve their persuasive appeals in their writing. The EL team that consisted of EL teachers, Ms Erica Reyes and Mr Nur Hakim, was guided by Lead Teacher (EL) Ms Faith Ong and first presented this sharing in 2023 during a Zoom Virtual Meeting for the Singapore Learning Designers Circle (SgLDC), an online networking learning community for educators in Singapore to collectively inquire into the use of technology in education.

CNA Feature Article:

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/chatgpt-schools-singapore-teachers-students-4109836>

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